

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 24 May 1957		2. LOCATION Kings Park Long Island, NY		12. CONCLUSIONS <input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 1038 GMT24/1538Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <u>Inconsistent info</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	
5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		6. SOURCE Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 1 1/2 minutes		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE South	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Object about an inch long with diameter 1/4 the length, leaving no exhaust or vapor trail. Traveling slowly. Disappeared as if suddenly gaining altitude.				11. COMMENTS Since info somewhat conflicting, placed in inconsistent info classification	

INCONSISTANT INFO.

HEADQUARTERS
52ND FIGHTER GROUP (AD)
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
Suffolk County Air Force Base
Westhampton Beach, Long Island, New York

GPDO

12 JUN 1957

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Objects Reporting

TO: Commander
Air Defense Command
Ent Air Force Base
Colorado Springs, Colorado

In reference to letter from Mr. [REDACTED], dated 25 May 1957, and in accordance with Air Force Regulation 200-2, paragraph 7D, dated 12 August 1954, the following report is hereby submitted. Due to non availability of Air Force Forms 112 and 112A at this station, subject report is forwarded as indicated by the format of paragraph 7D, Air Force Regulation 200-2, dated 12 August 1954.

1.
 - a. Cigar shaped, ratio of length to width 4:1.
 - b. Length appeared between the size of a nickel and a quarter held at arms length.
 - c. Silvery color.
 - d. One.
 - e. N/A
 - f. None except shape which turned from cigar shape to circular during the last ten seconds of observation during which it steadily diminished.
 - g. None.
 - h. None noticed, however a running engine and a radio not far away would have drowned a substantial amount of noise. A jet aircraft which passed over about 40 minutes later was heard above the same background noise.
 - i. Sunlight twice glinted off the nose for short periods.
2.
 - a. Casual glance by observer, object seemed to be moving so slowly that it would stall if it was an aircraft. This caused observer to continue observation.
 - b. Angle of elevation - 60 deg. approximately northeast.
 - c. Angle of elevation - 75 deg. approximately south.
 - d. Object continued on a straight course until the last 10 seconds of flight when it became round and diminished.
 - e. During last ten seconds of observation the object assumed a circular shape and steadily diminished as if climbing rapidly.

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- f. One and one half minutes.
3. a. Ground-visual.
b. None.
c. N/A
4. a. 1538 zulu, 24 May 1957. *1038 Local*
b. Day.
5. 73° 20' W - 40° 53' N.
6. a. Edmond B. McCabe, approx. 35, 11 Dick Court, Northport, N.Y.
b. N/A
7. a. Thin cirrus clouds to the west - clear in area of sighting.
b. Surface - 290 deg. 17k gusts to 28k. *WNW*
6000 ft. 280 deg. 45k. *W*
10,000 ft. - 270 deg. 53k. *W*
16,000 ft. - 270 deg. 58k. *W*
20,000 ft. - 270 deg. 61k. *W*
30,000 ft. - 270 deg. 63k. *W*
60,000 ft. - information not available.
c. None.
d. 7 miles.
e. 4,000 ft. scattered.
f. None in area, front passed at 1338 zulu.
8. None.
9. None.
10. Observer noted C-119 on same path at 1600 zulu and a jet aircraft on opposite course at 1620 zulu.
11. Asst. Operations Officer, 52nd Fighter Group (AD).

If it is assumed that Mr. [REDACTED] report is correct, there is no reasonable explanation for this sighting. The F-102s which operate from Suffolk County Air Force Base nearby often look like a flying cigar at a distance. They would have to appear about the size of a pea or smaller however as the high tail is clearly discernable at closer distances. Mr. [REDACTED] served in the Air Force as an aerial gunner

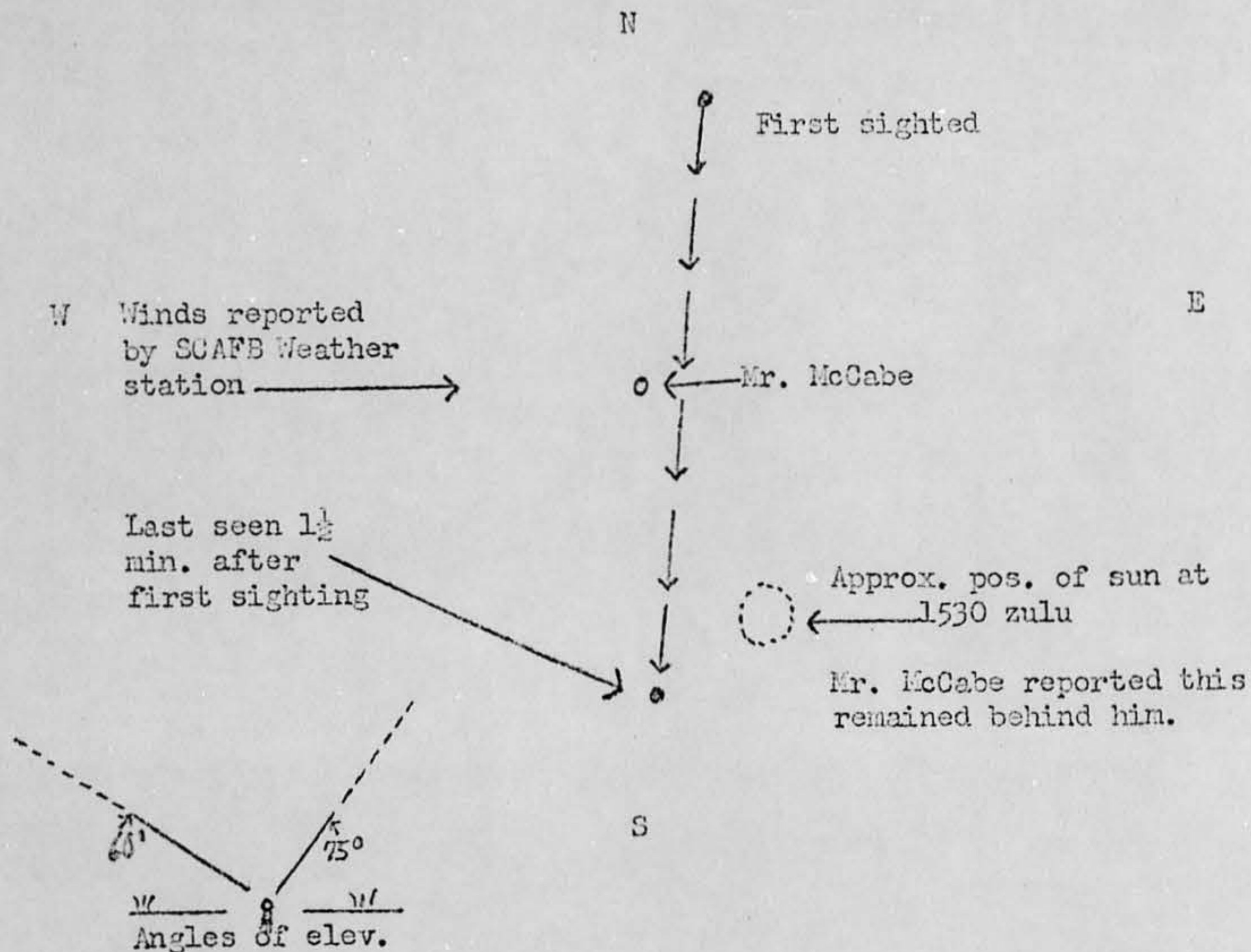
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during world war II. His observation that the speed of the object was so low that if it was an aircraft it would stall out, seems to rule out the F-102s even if he was mistaken about the apparent size. The winds reported by the weather station at Suffolk were approximately 90 degrees to the reporting direction of the path of the object. This however does not fully rule out the possibility of this being a balloon. Mr. [REDACTED] story cannot be fully accurate as to the direction from him to the object. If the balloon traveled the course he claims, he would have had to look almost directly into the sun near the latter part of the objects apparent flight. Mr. [REDACTED] says however that the sun was in back of him and did not interfere with his view. That being the case the object could have had an easterly course which would correspond with the winds reported. The cigar shape could be accounted for as the shape of the object or the shape of the shadowed portion. The diminishing size and disappearance of the object might be accounted for by a combination of balloon climb, and out-bound heading, and the normal decrease in definition as an object goes up-sun on slightly hazy days. The weather balloon from LaGuardia might be in the vicinity at the time reported, or more probable 15 minutes later. This balloon however should have been considerably smaller in size than the object Mr. [REDACTED] reported.

12. None.

1. a check with balloon schedules show a rawinsonde balloon was scheduled to be released from New York International airport around 1500±. *Confirmed. Was above.*
2. The observer apparently reported the sun was behind him all through the sighting. If this was true, the flight path is wrong because he would have had to look into the sun (in SW) the last part of the sighting. This would have blinded out the object making it impossible to see.
3. However, a check with balloon schedules show a balloon was released WSW of observer just prior to time of sighting. The wind directions would make the balloon move SSE + SE.
4. However, this report is considered inconsistent.

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FOR THE COMMANDER:

Lawrence M. Dudley, Jr.
 LAWRENCE M. DUDLEY, JR.
 Major, USAF
 Adjutant

1 Incl:
 Letter, Mr. McCabe

[REDACTED]
Northport, Long Island
New York

May 25, 1957

Att. Commanding Officer.
Suffolk Airforce Base

Dear Sir:

On May 24th at 10:38 A.M. while working on a high tension line located on Old Northport Rd., Kings Park, I saw an object in the sky overhead which at first I thought to be a Jet Aircraft. After studying the object for a few moments I discovered that it had no wings or tail assembly. I was also impressed by the slowness with which it traveled through the sky.

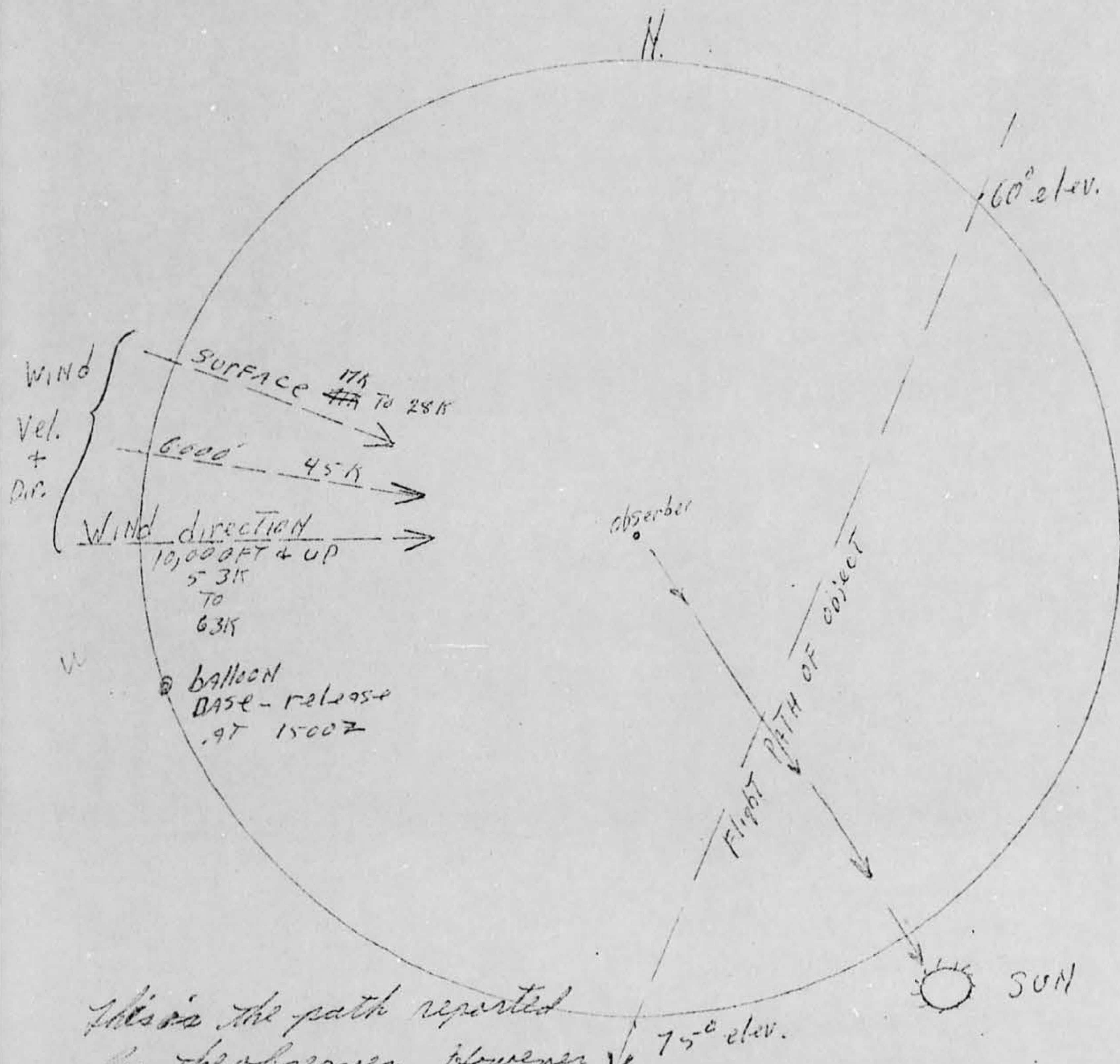
*This isn't so strange. An object
moving at high altitude, can't be seen.*

I shouted up to the lineman on the pole to take a look at the object, after a few moments, he located it and I asked him if he could see any wings or tail assembly, his reply was negative. We both watched the object for about a minute and a half, during this time it passed through an angle of 45 degrees. During the last ten seconds of viewing it seemed to be getting smaller and finally disappeared as if it had suddenly gained altitude.

The object was about an inch long with a diameter of one fourth the length, it was going from north to south and it left no exhaust or vapor trail. About 11 A.M. a box car flew by in the same general area and at 11:20 A.M. a jet flew almost the same course but in the opposite direction.

The other man who saw this object is [REDACTED] Greenlawn.

Very truly yours
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]



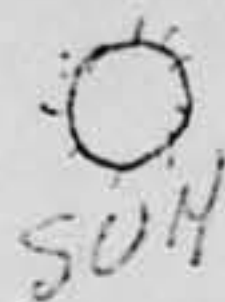
This is the path reported
by the observer. However,
he states the sun was
behind him, ^{at all times} so this flight
path of object cannot be
true.

LAST seen AT
75° elev. S.

1st seen AT
60° elev. N.W.

balloon released here
AT 1500Z ±

observer



WIND direction
5000' to 6000'
17K TO 23K - Gusts

This is true if the observer was
looking SW instead of NW.
A balloon was released at N. Yf. Inter.
around 1500Z. on day of sighting